

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

[0025] It is demonstrated herein that IgA can be expressed at high levels without the necessity for first amplifying the nucleic acid sequences encoding the IgA within the host cells. This has the advantage that no large copy numbers are required for efficient expression according to the invention, in contrast to previously described recombinant IgA production systems, where amplification was required to obtain levels of around 20 pg IgA per cell per day. Preferably, the cells, when seeded at 0.5×10^6 cells/well and cultured in 6-well tissue culture plates at 37° C in DMEM with 10% serum under an atmosphere containing 10% CO₂, produce at least 5 pg IgA/seeded cell/day, more preferably at least 20 pg IgA/seeded cell/day, and even more preferably, at least 40 pg IgA/seeded cell/day. PER.C6® cells expressing IgG at high levels have been shown to contain usually between one and ten copies of the nucleic acid encoding the IgG per cell (Jones *et al.*, 2003).